

Wayne Hale, Jr.



Mr. Wayne Hale, Jr., became the Manager of the Space Shuttle Program in September 2005. He directs NASA's \$5.1B Space Shuttle Program, providing executive direction and policy for all aspects of Space Shuttle processing and development, including pre-launch and flight operations.

Prior to being named Shuttle Program Manager, Hale served as Deputy Shuttle Program Manager at JSC and Manager of Space Shuttle Program Launch Integration at KSC.

Hale worked in the JSC Mission Operations Directorate from 1985 to 2003. He was the Deputy Chief of the Flight Director's Office for Shuttle Operations and the Flight Director for 40 Space Shuttle flights, including 28 Ascent/Entry and 3 Lead Flight Director assignments. Other positions included Head of the Integrated Communications Section and the Propulsion Systems Section.

From 1978 to 1985, Hale was in the Flight Operations Directorate at JSC as the Propulsion Officer for 10 early Space Shuttle flights.

Originally from New Mexico, Hale received a BS in Mechanical Engineering from Rice University in 1976 and an MS in Mechanical Engineering from Purdue University in 1978.

Hale is a recipient of the NASA Outstanding Leadership Medal, the NASA Space Flight Awareness Leadership Award, the NASA Outstanding Leadership Medal and the NASA Exceptional Service Medal.